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Still Life Oil Painting Demonstrated by Mt. Vernon Artist Louie Northern at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, April 26, artist Louie Northern, of Mount Vernon, will demonstrate still life oil painting from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Always interested in art, Northern has been drawing since he was a small child. Today he is a farmer on 300 acres of land on his father's original home place in Rockcastle County. Although born in Dayton, Ohio, Northern returned to the land of his family's roots in 1977. He studied art and began painting while in high school. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in painting in 1999, from Eastern Kentucky University.

Northern prefers oil painting as his medium because it doesn't dry fast, and he likes the way oil paint handles using both a brush and palette knife. He often builds up the surface of his canvas to give it a more three-dimensional texture. Most of Northern's subject matter is rooted in his surroundings – farmland, mules, logging trucks and the woods that grow on his lands. Northern also creates more non objective paintings playing with color and texture. Northern will be painting a still life during his demonstration on April 26.

"I like to compose a still life by putting together some of the many interesting objects on display at the center," states Northern. "I will do a still life painting directly from my arrangement that day."

Works by Northern is regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A gallery exhibit, "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Sept. 6; and in the lobby, "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration," is also on display through Sept. 6. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

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Photos left to right: Louie Northern paints a still life with oils at the Kentucky Artisan Center